

Edwin Anderson Russell, Jr., T-40

11 March 1922 – 10 August 1944

(aged 22)



Aviation Cadet Edwin A. Russell, Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sr. 1720 Harbert, was one of three crewmen killed in the crash of a two-engine, Advanced Trainer, Model 24, Version A, plane 17 miles west of La Junta Army Air Field CO yesterday afternoon.



Cadet Russell arrived at La Junta two weeks ago for the final phase of his training. He was to have won his wings in October.

A graduate of Tech High, he then attended Mississippi State College. For more than a year before enlisting in the Army in November 1942 he worked with the credit

department of Memphis Publishing Company. He qualified for cadet training in April 1943 and had taken his college training for the Air Force at Washington State College, pre-flight at Santa Ana CA and basic at Minter Field, Bakersfield CA.

Born in Little Rock, he came to Memphis with his parents nine years ago. He was an only child. His father is manager of the tire and accessories departments of Mid-South Oil Company.

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